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Tues., Jan. 27 - Open House:
Robert St. John. Reception for New Members of OPC. Reception: 6:00; dinner: 7:30; address by St. John: 8:30 p.m.

St. John, formerly with AP and NBC, wrote the new biography on Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion which was published by Doubleday on Jan. 8. Following visit to Israel, he is on three-month lecture tour in U.S.

New members and their sponsors, as well as all OPCers, are invited to the New Members' Reception at which punch will be served. The evening has been planned by the Open House and Hospitality Committees.

Reservations for dinner, please.

Wed., Jan. 28 - Press Conference.
President Arturo Frondizi of Argentina. 5:00 p.m.

Frondizi, the first Argentine President to visit the U.S. while in office, will be here on a twelve-day state visit and will be accompanied by Argentine cabinet members and officials and U.S. State Dept. representatives.



FRONDIZI

OPCers attending the reception and press conference are requested to be at the Club not later than 5:15 p.m. In order to facilitate planning, reservations, along with the names of guests of members, are requested. Please bring your membership card with you.

Fri., Jan. 30 - Middle East Correspondents' Reunion. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

All correspondents who have served in the Middle East, as well as all members of the OPC, are welcome.

Reservations now at OPC. \$4.00 per person. (See page 3.)

Thurs., Feb. 12 - London Correspondents' Reunion. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 28 TAGGED FOR CLUB'S TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY AWARDS DINNER - AT WALDORF

The twentieth Annual Awards Dinner of the Overseas Press Club will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on Sat., Mar. 28, it was announced this week by Bob Considine, Dinner Committee Chairman.

Following the dinner and awards presentations, dancing is scheduled in the smaller ballroom adjoining until 2:00 a.m.

Kathryn Cravens has been named Vice Chairman of the Dinner Committee, other members of which are soon to be announced.

Varying somewhat from the price schedules of the past few years, tickets have been scaled downward to \$10 for a member, \$15 for his first guest (wife or non-member), and \$30 for additional guests.

The 1959 dinner will also depart from previous custom by the elimination of outside speakers. Instead, the evening's program of events will focus completely on the winners of the OPC awards.

In line with this, no prior announcement of award winners will be made, according to Considine. The top nominees in each of the award categories will be invited to the dinner as guests of the OPC but the winners will not be disclosed until their names are made public on the night of the dinner.

Present plans call for each presentation to be made in the same highly dramatic manner that was so effective at the 1958 dinner.

"We intend to use film clips, narratives and other material that will graphically summarize the work of each award winner," Considine said. "By the end of the evening, we ought to have a pretty good picture of what a foreign

correspondent is and how he works.

"With the wealth of talent available to us in the OPC, the proceedings on Mar. 28 ought to be on a par with the Oscar presentations out of Hollywood."



CONSIDINE

Norwood F. Allman, chair of the Invitations and Reservations Committee, said that he expects to have invitations out to each member within ten days.

However, members need not wait for their invitations if they wish to make reservations now accompanied by checks in the proper amount.

Allman advises immediate reservations in light of the fact that the dinner has been a complete sell-out for the past four years. Some members have had to be turned away because they waited too long before making reservations, he said.

Sales will be on a first-come first-served basis. No refunds will be made except to members suddenly assigned out of town. Reservations will be closed Mar. 15.

Members are advised to arrange their own table groupings if they wish and to provide this list in writing to the Seating Committee.

FURNITURE TO GIVE AWAY?

OPC members who wish to give office furniture to the OPC for use by the Dinner, Awards and Dateline Committees are asked to contact Club Manager James Foley.

New offices are being set up for the operation of these committees through the Spring. The furniture will then be used in other office operations by the Club.

RED CHINA TAKES THE FIFTH

Communist China has stopped giving its official daily news agency service - Hsinhua - to U.S. news organizations here, *Bulletin* correspondent James Robinson reports from Hong Kong.

The service has been invaluable not only to U.S. correspondents but also to the U.S. Consulate and various American businessmen.

Local "comrades," who obviously were ordered from Peking to carry out the new directive, say that Americans won't be allowed to buy the service for any price, "because U.S. news media were constantly distorting the stories carried in Hsinhua."

Also, the Communist representatives say blandly, "this is an anti-American act because we are anti-American."

N.Y. TIMES NEWS

Milton Bracker of the city staff left on Jan. 15 on a six months' roving assignment in South Africa. The *Times* has had no one there since Richard P. Hunt left the area in July when the Middle East crisis developed.

Hunt, now permanently assigned to Beirut, arrived there on Jan. 7 after home leave in the States. Sam Pope Brewer, chief correspondent in the Middle East for three years, will go on the New York city staff Feb. 1.

Tad Szulc, Rio de Janeiro correspondent, arrived in New York on home leave.

REUTERS MAN HONORED

Former colleagues of the late Gary Levy, Australian-born Reuters chief of bureau in Berlin before being transferred to Latin America, stood in silence for one minute in Berlin last week to mourn his death.

Levy went down on Jan. 11 in the crash of a German airliner that was taking him back to Rio de Janeiro from a visit to London. Of Gary, Otto Schmidt, chairman of the *Berliner Pressekonferenz*, wrote to Reuters in London: "A very promising career has been abruptly ended. He was a highly respected member of Berlin's journalistic life."

HILLS NAMED

Lee Hills, executive editor of the *Detroit Free Press* and a vice president of Knight Newspapers, Inc., succeeds Basil L. Walters as executive editor of Knight Newspapers, it was announced last week. Walters became editor of the *Chicago Daily News*, a Knight newspaper recently sold to Field Enterprises of Chicago.

SUTTON ON TOUR

Following jet routes, Horace Sutton is on a round-the-world flight; the trip will appear as a thirteen-part series syndicated by the *N.Y. Herald Tribune* starting on Feb. 1, and in articles in the *Saturday Review*, *Sports Illustrated* and other magazines.

DOWN - UNDER MAN

George E. McCadden, UP chief in Sydney, Australia from 1947 to 1954, has opened a New York office for The News Limited of Australia. McCadden will also represent other Australian publications.

SEXTON MARRIED

William C. Sexton, London bureau manager of UPI, and Vanja-Marianne Asp of Stora Essingen, Stockholm, were married in London on Jan. 17.

MRS. SHERROD DIES

Robert Sherrod, *Saturday Evening Post*, lost his wife, Betty, on Dec. 21.

Mikoyan Tour Was Cold, Cold War For Newsmen

by Thomas P. Whitney

The American tour of Anastas I. Mikoyan, first deputy premier of the Soviet Union, was a strange chapter in U.S. diplomatic history. Mikoyan requested a visa so he could come to Washington and take a "vacation" trip around the country. The American government went along with the fiction of an unofficial visit. Its only ostensible connection with the tour was to provide bodyguards (State Dep't. security personnel), and give permission for travel in areas forbidden to ordinary Soviet citizens.

Actually the State Dep't. did a very great deal behind the scenes to facilitate the trip, although assuming no public responsibility.

One result was an almost complete lack of press arrangements. On one hand, this opened up unusual opportunities for initiative. On the other, it made necessary a constant fight for news and for the simplest reporting facilities.

(Whitney was the only reporter for an American wire service in the press party. About thirty newsmen covered all or a good part of the tour, including about ten Americans representing individual newspapers, newsmagazines and broadcasting networks. Two Russians were in the foreign group.)

When Eric Johnston entertained Mikoyan at dinner in Washington he invited several journalists as personal friends. Others, including wire service men, stood outside in 45-mile-per-hour wind and fifteen degree temperatures.

Protests finally won an unsatisfactory briefing and an apology from Johnston.

In Los Angeles, when he again was Mikoyan's host, he provided an adequate briefing.

In Detroit, Henry Ford II had arranged a private luncheon for Mikoyan. Several Detroit publishers and editors were among the guests, but no provision was made for telling the press in general what happened.

DATELINE TAIPEI

Al Kaff, UPI, took off for a four-week Christmas holiday in the States; Shullen Shaw acting for UPI in his absence.

Cuban Ambassador Rosendo Canto, youngest member of the diplomatic corps in Taipei, informed the press of his resignation as ambassador, and intention to resume his journalistic work as a columnist for the *Diario Nacional* in Havana. While here he visited the offshore island of Quemoy and has written a book to be called *Between the Champagne and the Gunpowder*. It will be published in English, Spanish and Chinese.

Franc Shor was here touring the island for *National Geographic*.

Earnest Hoberecht, vice president of UPI and general manager for Asia, and Robert Klaverkamp, business manager of UPI for Tokyo, wound up their visit and left for Hongkong on a Far East swing.

Geraldine Fitch

A briefing finally was set up, but only after most strenuous protests to Ford public relations men.

There was a tough time with the United Airlines on transport from Chicago to the coast and back.

In New York, Macy's refused for a time to permit newsmen to go through the store with the Russians.

But, if some individuals and organizations gave the press a hard time, others helped: Capital Airlines; Keith Lynch, head of the security force; Cyrus Eaton and his Chesapeake and Ohio railroad in Cleveland.

Mikoyan and members of his party were friendly and on occasion helpful.

But every private function addressed by Mikoyan was reported thoroughly, one way or another. I was on Mikoyan's plane on every leg of the trip, except from Chicago to San Francisco. In public, Mikoyan was rarely out of the sight of an AP reporter.

Prize vignette of the tour: Mikoyan on a post-midnight walk on the Los Angeles hotel grounds, hoping no doubt for a little solitude, found instead a half-dozen photographers, two reporters and five or six bodyguards in sight, and possibly a dozen more in the bushes.

"If this were the Soviet Union," mused Mikoyan, "and I told you to leave, you'd have to go." (From AP Log.)

GIBSON IN MOSCOW

Robert Gibson has arrived in Moscow to take over the McGraw-Hill news bureau there.

Gibson, who had been acting chief of the London bureau of McGraw-Hill, succeeds William Coughlin who is now in California on home leave before returning to London.

PROFESSIONAL TOURIST

Svend A. Andersen, editor of BT, noon edition of the *Berlingske Tidende* of Copenhagen, was guest of OPC last week; he is in the U.S. for one month studying operations of the *N.Y. Daily News*.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

Murray Fromson, AP Bangkok, Thailand on temporary reassignment to Los Angeles for health reasons...Ray Robinson, formerly articles editor of *Pageant* magazine, named managing editor of *Pageant*...Time foreign editor Thomas Griffith's *The Waist-High Culture* out on Jan. 26 (Harpers); it's a non-fiction semi-autobiographical account of "being an American in these times."

George L. Geiger, for eleven years managing editor of the *New Bedford* (Mass.) *Standard-Times* and until recently director of publicity for Will, Folsom and Smith, Inc., has joined N.B. Wakeman Co., public relations and house magazines, with offices in Darien, Conn...Joe Laitin's hour radio documentary, "The Changing Face of Hollywood," on the motion picture industry's struggle to survive, given "sneak" airing on KNX, CBS' Los Angeles station; formal airing soon.

When Ken and Carol Giniger were in Mexico on vacation they saw OPCers Jack LeVien, Barrie and Barbara Thorne and Harry and Elsa Jiler (vacationing), and Bob Benjamin (working); they report, "Practically every tourist seen was carrying copy of John Wilhelm's Mexico City guidebook"... Benjamin now heads Mexico bureau of international (Spanish) edition of Brazilian magazine, *O Cruzeiro*; he recently returned from a round South America swing, attended OPC Rio chapter meeting.

Cover story in Jan. 18 *American Weekly* was "How We Handle Money in Our Home," by U.S. Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest as told to Carl Bakal...Henrietta Brackman now free-lancing editor of American Women in Radio and TV, Inc.'s *News and Views*...Helen Hector's article, "Brasilia, New Capital," in Dec. 31 *Christian Science Monitor*...Paul Duncan's *The Scientific Revolution - Challenge and Promise*, an examination of science and technology based on 1958 conference at Yale University, published in January by Public Affairs Press, Washington, D.C...Small World Dep't: New York OPCers who ran into each other last week in Los Angeles - Tom Whitney and Harrison Salisbury, covering Mikoyan's U.S. tour, and Gil Busch and Henry Gellermann, PR business trippers.

Clayton Willis leaving Feb. 1 for six weeks in South America; will tape record three-minute "spot" interviews for NBC's "Monitor"...Douglas J. Downs to Ghana to shoot feature films for USIS...Bill Dinsmore authored article on "Building A Corporate Image" in *PR - Quarterly Magazine of Public Relations*...Nanette Kutner's Edna Ferber article in Feb. issue of *Family Circle*...Gilbert Jonas interviewed twice on CBS' "This is New York" on his work as Temporary Chairman of the FDR-Woodrow Wilson



May, Strohm, OPC Vice President Henry Cassidy and Assistant to President James H. Sheldon chat at Open House. (See story below.)

FIVE MIDDLE EAST HANDS TALK AT REUNION JAN. 30

Five veteran Middle East newsmen will pool their reminiscences of the area at the "Middle East Correspondents Reunion" to be held Fri. Jan. 30, at the OPC.

Due to participate in the post-dinner panel discussion are Sam Pope Brewer, *N.Y. Times*, from Beirut; William L. Ryan, AP; Leon Dennen, NEA; Robert Conway, *N.Y. Daily News*; and John Luter, *Newsweek*. NBC's Ben Grauer, who covered the Arab-Israel War in 1948, will serve as moderator.

All correspondents who served in the Middle East at any time are invited to attend. Also invited are OWI staffers and other U.S. government agency employees who were stationed there during or after World War II.

There will be cocktails at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m. Reservations may be made at the OPC. Price: \$4 per person.

John Luter is chairman of the Middle East Reunion Committee, assisted by John Scott, Elmer Lower, Frank Shea, Bernard Eismann and Ed Cunningham. The event is sponsored by the Club's Reunion Committee.

Independent Democrats - "an insurgent movement against Tammany Hall on Manhattan's West Side."

John C. Doorty was appointed advertising manager of the *National Publisher magazine* (published by the Nat'l. Editorial Ass'n.)...Frank Kearns, CBS Middle East, on Sudan tour...Madeline Ross back in New York after ten-week writing and study tour covering eleven countries, twenty-two cities.

Strohm, May Speak

An inside view of the Peoples' Republic of China and an account of economic penetration into Southeast Asia were given OPCers by John Strohm and A. Wilfred May at a Jan. 13 Open House.

Strohm, who spent three weeks in Communist China last September for NEA and *Reader's Digest*, is one of few U.S. correspondents who has been permitted behind the Bamboo Curtain. May, executive editor of the *Commercial & Financial Chronicle* (New York), brought a first-hand picture of "Red China's Penetration of Southeast Asia Via Trade Strategy."

Highlights of Strohm's report were the "Hate America" campaign being waged in China to protest "aggression" in Formosa, the rapid industrialization developments which have "produced a bizarre mixture of the primitive and the modern in industry," and the growth in agricultural productivity making possible the feeding of the ever-growing millions of mouths.

Looking to the future, Strohm said: "We must have more communication between the Americans and the Chinese. We cannot permanently isolate one-fourth of the world's population."

Our recent China policy, he indicated, has not worked well - and unless we are to face a permanent and dangerous stalemate we must develop a more elastic approach - based, in the beginning, on "more exposure to each other."

Otherwise, he implied, we have no available devices for diverting the Chinese from still more intensive anti-Western policies.

Russia, Strohm said, has cut off much

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BENJAMIN PASSES FIRST STAGE AMONG 'OLD HANDS OF THE ANTARCTIC'

(Philip Benjamin left New York last October to cover Antarctica. Like others who have gone before him, he sets down fresh impressions of the place.)

by Phil Benjamin

Little America

We of the Antarctic, as the saying goes, have a saying: "One trip to the Antarctic, an Adventurer; two, an Old Explorer; three, a Damned Fool; four, a Bachelor."

As an Adventurer with (at this writing) twenty-three days in the Frozen (Icy, Frigid) Continent, I shall now talk about it; tell the fascination the assignment holds, the awful hardships I am enduring, and the troubles encountered trying to get copy through.

Fascination the Assignment Holds: Antarctica, as Russell Owen, Walter Sullivan, Bernie Kalb and Bill Becker have previously explained, is a beautiful, cold, unearthly, implacable, cruel, breathtaking, mysterious, dangerous place. This is a twenty-three-day-old view. Perhaps after a year I could say with dull, glazed repetition, as some of the Navy people do who have been here a year: "I hate this unprintable place."

I've seen every shade of blue imaginable; the sun glinting on glaciers and ice-covered mountains forty miles away; turquoise grottoes of ice; Emperor penguins chatting at their outdoor cocktail parties and then, as sometimes happens at cocktail parties, falling down and paddling away; an astounding number of people who, bearded, look like John Brown or maybe Elijah; and an extraordinary number of nice dedicated people.

Roof Leaks

Awful Hardships I Am Enduring: At McMurdo Sound people kept saying: "Go to Little America if you want to see a really good Antarctic station." So I came to Little America, which let me explain, is in process of being closed. Little America is underground or, rather, undersnow. With the coming of Antarctic spring, a good deal of melting goes on with the obvious result; the roof leaks.

Well, that's all right. I don't mind a leak or thirty. But there's something else. Little America is a small station and space is precious. The correspondents' billet is a room about 12 feet by 12 feet, containing four bunks, four correspondents, about twenty pieces of luggage, a half-dozen cameras, four typewriters, a work table and other impedimenta.

That's all right too. I don't mind a little crowding. But some architectural genius placed the room as an

enclave in the recreation center. There are two twelve-hour shifts at Little America. As a result, the recreation center is always in use — morning, afternoon, evening, night, early morning; the pool table is always in use, the player piano is always in use, the table tennis table is always in use, and loud Navy voices are always in use. (Right now loud Navy voices are raised in song as the piano plays "Remember, You're Mine.")

Beery Song

That's not quite all. On the other side of our room is the movie theatre. The day crew sees movies at 8 P.M. O.K. The night crew knocks off work at 5 A.M. and troops into the rec center for an hour or so of revelry. Then at 6:30 in the morning it's *their* movie time. Tonight I heard "Captains Courageous" with Spencer Tracy and Freddie Bartholomew, that lovable little English boy. Tomorrow morning, at 6:30, I'll be hearing "Captains Courageous" with Spencer Tracy and Freddie Bartholomew, that lovable little English boy. Then we switch back to the recreation side for pool, table tennis, Klondike-type piano and voices raised in beery song. And the melting snow plunks down, frequently missing the cans placed to receive it. The correspondents' room is called, by the way, the Chinese Torture Chamber.

I'm looking forward to traveling with a tractor party over virgin ice, where it's peaceful and quiet and there's no sound but of sno-cats falling into

crevasses.

Troubles Encountered Trying to Get Copy Through: Oh, why bother?

Progress' Price

Well, that's the price of progress and civilization. When Antarctica was largely unexplored, there were no noisy amenities. Shackleton, Amundsen, Byrd, Kalb, They never had to put up with what I am putting up with.

Still, there are the mountains, the glaciers, the blue-green ice, the memory of three wonderful days on the Navy's ice-breaker Glacier, the exhilarating air, cold and dry, the penguins, the seals, the thrill of flying over the South Pole, the southern axis of the earth, and — why deny it? — the snobbery of having been to an unexplored, glamorous-sounding place.

I'm an Adventurer. It remains to be seen whether I'll want to be an Old Explorer. I certainly don't want to be a Damned Fool. And I'm happily married. (From Times Talk.)

Phil Benjamin joined the N.Y. Times as editorial office boy in 1947, worked in various areas of the paper until 1955 when he joined the city staff as reporter. He was born in Stamford, Conn., grew up in Indianapolis and New York and attended City College. During the war he was in the Army Air Force.

When time hangs heavy on his hands (see story), he discourses on progressive jazz, vintage automobiles and exactly how and when the Colt revolver was introduced into the Old West.



Phil Benjamin, the Adventurer.

West German And Korean Newsmen Fight Laws Restricting Press Freedom

New laws affecting freedom to collect and publish news - one, in South Korea, already in force, the other, threatened, in West Germany - have newsmen in two Allied countries raising their voices in protest both to their own governments and to journalists in the rest of the free world.

The South Korean law, which went into force last week, was promulgated under the sweeping justification of "national security." West Germany's impending legislation, promised by Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer, seeks to limit publication of news reflecting the "private lives of famous personalities," both German and foreign.

The West German Committee of the International Press Institute, which has its headquarters in Switzerland, has warned Schaeffer that if his proposed law is not changed, it will call on the entire free world to back its fight.

The Schaeffer bill was introduced last year when Princess Soraya was divorced from the Shah of Iran. Soraya, who failed to produce a male heir for Iran's throne, has a German mother.

German editors ironically labelled the bill Lex Soraya and charged that it smacked of the Hitler era.

Chief editor Marcel Schulte of the *Frankfurter Neue Presse* charged in a letter to Schaeffer: "We want to inform you how seriously we consider, just fourteen years after the collapse of total dictatorship, any attempt to limit the free press, which is an important condition of democracy."

Schaeffer, in a public defense of the charge, has sought to assure the press that his new libel law is aimed mainly at "controlling information about an individual which cannot be proven" and which is now published as an "opinion."

The Korean law, which officially is described as an instrument to strengthen the powers of President Syngman Rhee's

government in its fight against Communists, will, charge the nation's Democrats, infringe upon civil liberties and press freedom and "may lead to a one-party dictatorship."

The minority Democrats staged a sit-down strike in the Seoul Chamber in an effort to block passage of the bill last month. Rhee's Liberals, who control a parliamentary majority, forced the Democrats bodily from the Chamber and passed the bill anyway.

Protests against the law kicked off nation-wide protests that went far beyond newspaper circles and the government mobilized nearly half its 35,000-man national police force to crush demonstrations. Rhee's ministers also promised that the law would be used only against Reds, that no innocent persons would be hurt and that the law would never be used for political gain.

But newsmen were especially disturbed by a clause which threatens up to five years in prison for dissemination of "false or distorted" reports alarming the public and aiding the enemy. Another clause provides similar punishment for anyone who "publicly defames" heads of the three branches of government.

DATELINE YUGOSLAVIA

N.Y. Times' correspondents checkerboarding around Eastern Europe this month. *Paul Underwood* is on a two-week visa to Czechoslovakia, while *A.M. Rosenthal* arrives in Belgrade from Warsaw. Meanwhile, Mike Handler came in from Vienna to survey Rumania and Bulgaria and return via Yugoslavia.

Reuters' Sidney Weiland is back to Belgrade via Budapest, following short vacation.

U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer in Belgrade, Francis Mason, Jr., will be terminating four-year assignment and relocating in London.

A mild Belgrade winter broke with the first snowfall this week.

Approximately 1,000 Belgrade television set owners are enjoying kinescoped Perry Como show relayed from Italy every Thursday at 10:00 p.m. on Yugoslavian-TV. *William A. Berns*

KEMPE RETURNS

Richard J. Kempe is back from a month's vacation in Mexico.

MATERIAL MUST ACCOMPANY OPC AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Entries for the 1959 Overseas Press Club Awards are being received without accompanying material, *William L. Laurence*, chairman of the Awards Committee, reports.

Two copies of substantiating news stories, photographs, film clips and books must be sent along with each nomination.

Meanwhile, a great number of properly-documented entries have already been received. Laurence said that a record number of entries is expected for this year's awards, judging from the number of entries already in. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 2.

LEVINE'S BOOK OUT

Irving R. Levine's new book, *Main Street, USSR*, was published by Doubleday on Jan. 22. Charles Poore in the *N.Y. Times* called it "the liveliest and most informing book about everyday life in the Soviet Union I have read in a long time."



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LETTERS



Dear Editor,

I hesitate to differ with your distinguished Bonn correspondent but an item in the Jan. 10 issue seems to require correction. *Herb Altschull* reports that *Newsweek's* office in Bonn is to be closed. Henceforward, he says, Bayard Stockton will "make frequent trips to Germany as part of his new assignment (to London)."

Be it known that *Newsweek's* bureau in Bonn will remain open, and that a new German bureau will be opened in Berlin. Our new Berlin bureau chief: Peter Webb, formerly of UPI. *Eldon W. Griffiths*
Newsweek, London

Mr. Leon Theil
c/o Overseas Press Bulletin
Dear Leon,

We take pleasure in praising at once your *Fairfield O'Hanlon* piece. Leon, your critics, if any, are wrong. Alas, how dreary would *The Overseas Press Bulletin* be if there were no good parodies.

Not praise newspapers! You might as well not praise our pay checks!

No take-offs on *The Sun*! Leon, you have done it well. As long as all of us enjoy the good old days and seek new smiles, there will be a place.

John R. Whiting

Flower Grower Magazine
New York

ARTHRITIS AWARD GIVEN \$500 FILLIP

The Russell L. Cecil Award for science writing in the rheumatic diseases will, in 1959, for the first time, carry a \$500 honorarium, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation has announced.

The award, established in 1956, is "to encourage the writing of stories and scripts on the subject of arthritis. Entries (are) judged on their effectiveness in stimulating greater public knowledge of the widespread problem..."

Entry blanks and information on the awards for work done in 1959 may be obtained from the Foundation, 10 Columbus Circle, or any of its fifty-four chapters.

CUBA PRESS CHIEF NAMED

Appointment of Nicolas Rivero as international press chief of the Foreign Ministry was announced in Havana on Jan. 17.

Rivero, who returned to Havana after the revolution, spent about twelve years in Washington as Cuban Embassy press officer and delegate to the Technical Assistance Commission of the Organization of American States.

STROHM, MAY SPEAK (Continued from page 3.)

of her economic aid to China in the last few months.

A picture of highly organized economic penetration emerged from May's report. "The American public must realize that while we concentrate our policies and efforts on Moscow, we are sadly neglecting our Cold War obligations in the Far East," exemplified in Red China's "economic offensive throughout Southeast Asia," he said.

Factors in this economic offensive, he indicated, included a build-up of Red China's industrial prestige to impress the people of the area, the political manipulation of prices so as to favor Chinese-made articles in the market by way of an extreme system of subsidies and the operation of a barter system based on political considerations.

Quantitatively, May said, the amount of Red Chinese goods in Southeast Asia has been mounting at an astonishing rate — even including quality goods imported from European satellite countries and re-exported from China at fantastic mark-downs.

Recognition of the Peoples' Republic, he said, would be "disastrous to our allies and to the uncommitted nations."

Strohm reported also on his difficulties in obtaining a visa to enter the Peoples' Republic.

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Jaume Miravittles - Hablemos N.Y.
Audrey Stevenson - N.Y. reporter for Truth & Sportsman Ltd. (Australia).

AFFILIATE

Edwin Moss - Edwin Moss & Son, Inc.

The chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the transfer from Associate to Active membership of the following member:

Ed Butler - AP, Rio de Janeiro.

The chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the transfer from Affiliate to Associate membership of the following member:

Capt. Joshua L. Goldberg - U.S. Navy.

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